



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 7090***

LCO No. 3698

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
AND ADDICTION SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING  
TRANSFER OF A PATIENT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD FOR TREATMENT OR  
RECOVERY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 17a-599 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3       (a) At any time the court or the board determines that the acquittee  
4       is a person who should be confined, it shall make a further  
5       determination of whether the acquittee is so violent as to require  
6       confinement under conditions of maximum security. Any acquittee  
7       found so violent as to require confinement under conditions of  
8       maximum security shall not be confined in any hospital for psychiatric  
9       disabilities or placed with the Commissioner of Developmental  
10      Services unless such hospital or said commissioner has the trained and  
11      equipped staff, facilities or security to accommodate such acquittee.

12      (b) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
13      may transfer any acquittee who requires (1) confinement under

14 conditions of maximum security pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
15 section, and (2) medical treatment that is unavailable in the maximum  
16 security environment or would constitute a safety hazard to the  
17 acquittee or others due to the use of certain medical equipment or  
18 material, to a facility that can provide such medical treatment,  
19 provided (A) the commissioner ensures that the conditions of custody  
20 of the acquittee at such facility are and remain equivalent to conditions  
21 of maximum security, (B) the commissioner provides immediate  
22 written justification to the board upon such transfer, and (C) transfer of  
23 the acquittee back to the maximum security setting occurs upon  
24 completion of the medical treatment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17a-599
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***PH***      *Joint Favorable*